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DAMNATION



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DOCTOR STRANGE
SORCERER SUPREME WITH SOMETHING TO PROVE.



MEPHISTO
RULER OF A REALM OF HELL; COLLECTOR OF SOULS, CORRUPTOR OF GOOD.



WONG
A POWERFUL MYSTIC AND STEPHEN'S LONGTIME FRIEND AND ASSISTANT, WONG RECENTLY LEFT HIS POST OVER AN ETHICAL DISAGREEMENT.



BATS
A VERY COOL BOY, BATS DIED WHILE PROTECTING STEPHEN STRANGE, SO LOKI RESURRECTED HIM AS A GHOST.



BLADE
A.K.A. ERIC BROOKS. PARTIALLY INFECTED WITH VAMPIRISM AT BIRTH WHEN HIS MOTHER WAS BITTEN, BLADE HUNTS CREATURES OF THE NIGHT.



ELSA BLOODSTONE
DAUGHTER OF A ONCE-IMMORTAL, NOW-DEAD MONSTER HUNTER, ELSA INHERITED HER FATHER'S JOURNALS, BLOODGEM POWERS AND VOCATION.



IRON FIST
A.K.A. DANNY RAND. ORPHANED MILLIONAIRE DANNY WAS RAISED IN THE IMMORTAL CITY K'UN-LUN, AND WON THE MYSTICAL POWER OF THE IRON FIST.



MOON KNIGHT
A.K.A. MARC SPECTOR/JAKE LOCKLEY/STEVEN GRANT/MR. KNIGHT, EX-MERCENARY DISCIPLE OF THE EGYPTIAN MOON GOD KHONSU.



DOCTOR VODOO
A.K.A. JERICHO DRUMM. FORMER PSYCHOLOGIST AND MASTER OF VODOODO MAGIC, JERICHO RECENTLY FOUGHT EVIL AS PART OF THE AVENGERS UNITY SQUAD.



MAINT-THING
FORMERLY THEODORE SALLIS, VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT MIXING SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM AND SWAMP MAGIC, GUARDIAN OF THE NEXUS OF ALL REALITIES, WHOEVER KNOWS FEAR BURNS AT HIS TOUCH.



GHOST RIDER
A.K.A. JOHNNY BLAZE. FORMER STUNT RIDER JOINED TO A SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE.



THE SCARLET SPIDER
A.K.A. BEN REILLY. RESURRECTED SPIDER-POWERED PETER PARKER CLONE, BEN'S BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH TO DRIVE ANYONE MAD, BUT HE'S TRYING TO BE GOOD.

MEPHISTO HAS

LAS VEGAS,

THE AVENGERS,

AND NOW DOCTOR

STRANGE UNDER HIS

CONTROL. IT'S UP TO

WONG AND HIS MIDNIGHT

SONS TO SAVE THEM,

AND SAVE US ALL.

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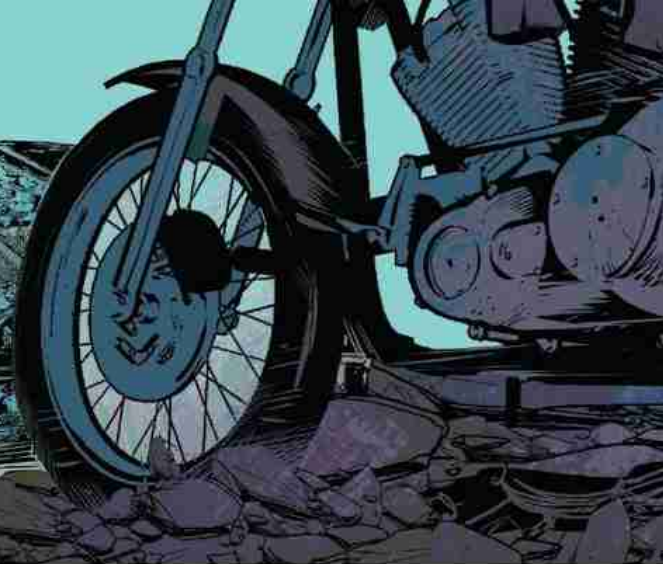
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**177A BLEECKER STREET.
THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM.
EARLIER...**

MEPHISTO
HAS TAKEN OVER
LAS VEGAS.

HE'S TAKEN THE
LOCAL POPULACE'S SOULS,
TURNING THEM INTO HIS
OWN DEMONIC
HORDE.

AND HE'S
TAKEN STEPHEN.
IF WE CAN RESCUE
HIM, WE CAN...



NO. NO, NOT "IF." YOU
HAVE TO BE STRONG IF
YOU ARE TO LEAD
THEM...

CONFIDENT.
LIKE...LIKE STEPHEN
WOULD BE.

NOT
"IF."



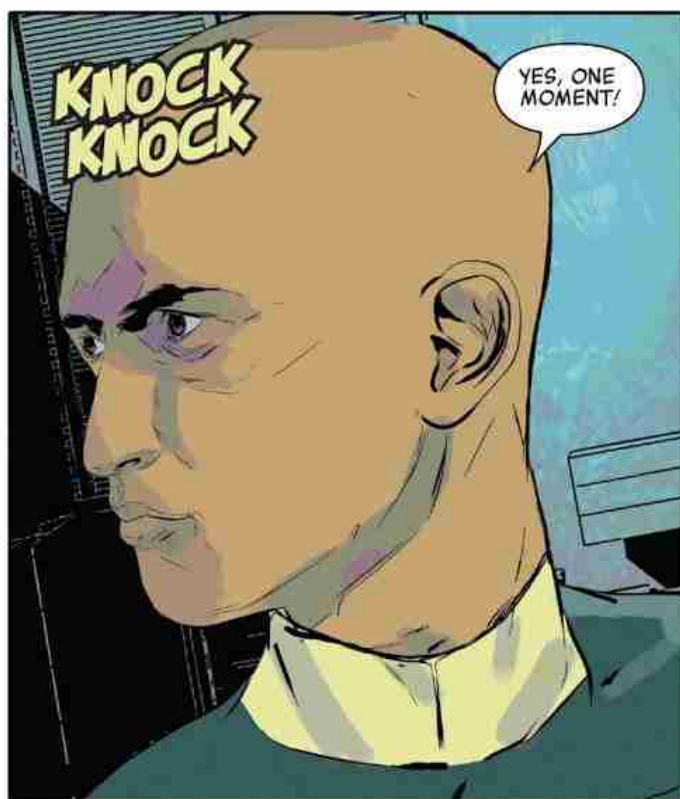
"WHEN."

WHEN
WE RESCUE
STEPHEN, THEN
WE SEND THE
DEVIL TO--



**KNOCK
KNOCK**

YES, ONE
MOMENT!



ONE
LAST
TIME.

YOU CAN
DO THIS
ONE LAST
TIME.





HEY, WONG.

MONSTER SQUAD IS UPSTAIRS WAITING ON YOU. YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES, OF COURSE.

JOHNNY, I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR AGREEING TO BE HERE WITH US.

HAVE YOU HAD A MOMENT TO REVIEW THE FOLDER DETAILING YOUR PART IN ALL OF--

YEAH. I'M GOOD WITH IT. WE DON'T NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT.



JOHNNY...I AM BY NO MEANS A GENERAL, AND THERE IS NO CALL HERE FOR BLINDLY FOLLOWING ORDERS...

WHAT I AM ASKING YOU TO DO...IT'S AN **ENORMOUS** RISK. IF YOU HAVE ANY RESERVAT--

I SAID I'M GOOD.



THIS KINDA THING...I AIN'T NEW TO IT, YOU KNOW?

MEPHISTO'S INFLUENCE, HIS POWER...IT'S SPREADING.

I CAN FEEL IT.

EVERY LITTLE SIN FOLKS COMMIT, HE GETS THEIR SOUL, RIGHT? FROM LYING TO JAYWALKING. NO ONE IS EXEMPT.

THIS THING HITS L.A., THE WHOLE PLANET IS DOOMED.



IF THIS PLAN OF YOURS WILL STOP THAT, I'LL DO WHAT I GOTTA DO.

BUT--

WONG. STOP.



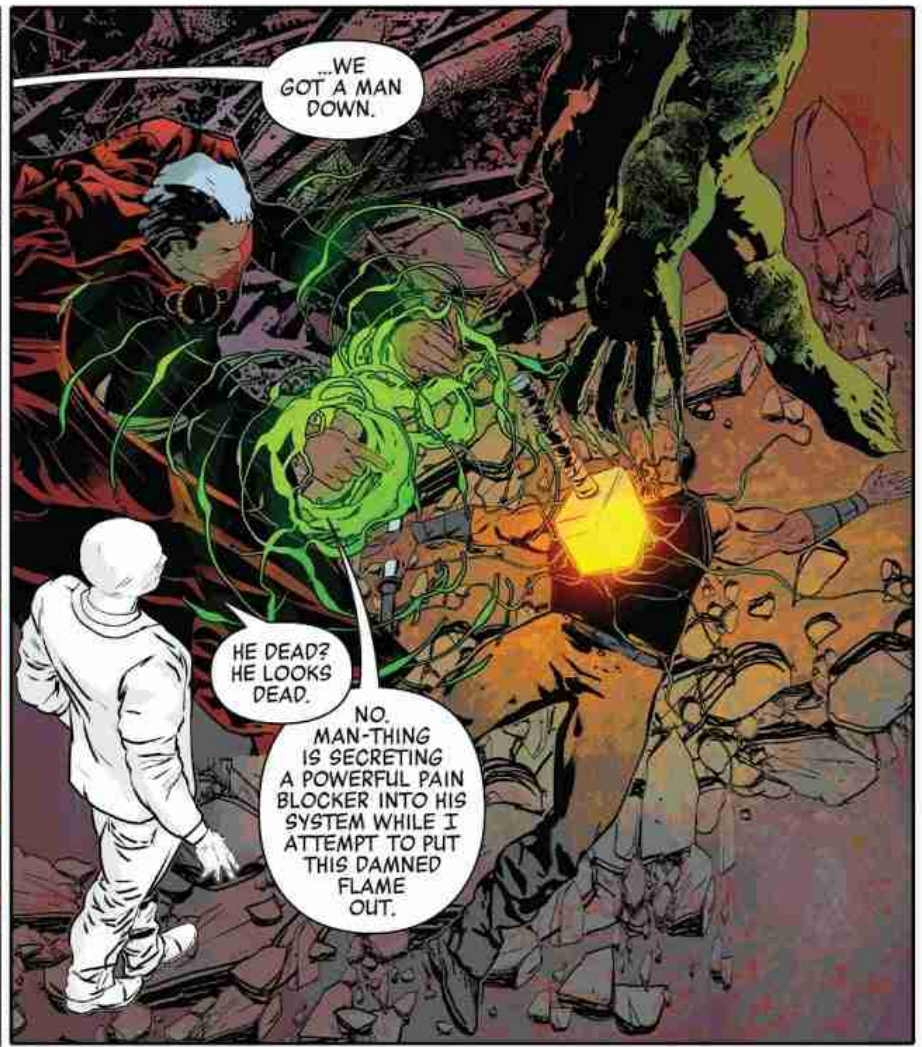
I TRUST YOU.



NOW...

SO, DID YOU GUYS HAVE A PLAN? OR...

NOT A TIME FOR JOKES, DIET SPIDER-MAN...



...WE GOT A MAN DOWN.

HE DEAD? HE LOOKS DEAD.

NO. MAN-THING IS SECRETING A POWERFUL PAIN BLOCKER INTO HIS SYSTEM WHILE I ATTEMPT TO PUT THIS DAMNED FLAME OUT.



BLADE'S VAMPIRE PHYSIOLOGY IS HELPING WITH THE HEALING. BUT THE HAMMER IS BURNING IT AWAY FASTER THAN WE CAN REPAIR.

ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?

NOT UNLESS YOU HAPPEN TO BE WORTHY, MR. KNIGHT.

HUH. YEAH, I COULD BE.



I'M SORRY?

DON'T BE. LET ME GET A CRACK AT THAT HAMMER, YEAH? LOTS OF FOLKS RUNNING AROUND UP HERE IN MY HEAD THESE DAYS. ONE OF 'EM COULD BE WORTHY...

STOP IT, KNIGHT. BLADE DOESN'T NEED YOU MESSING AROUND...

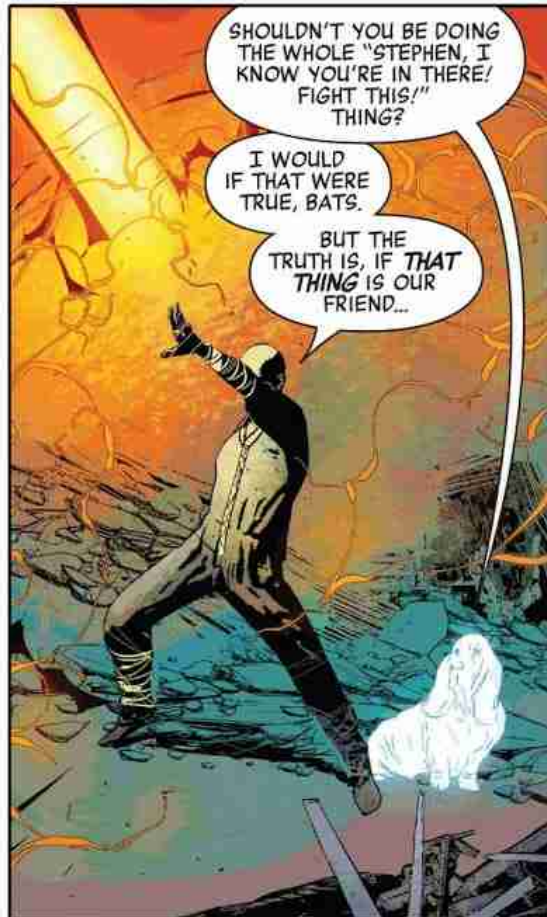


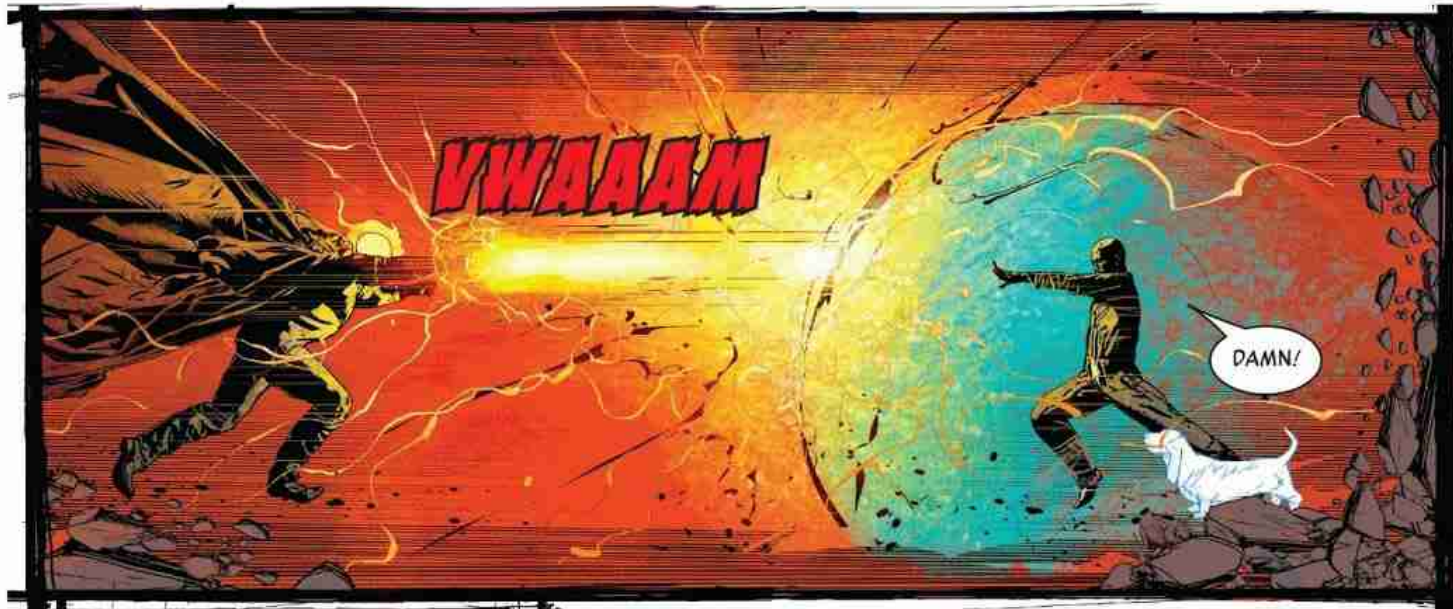
...HE NEEDS A DOCTOR.

MEANWHILE...

FWOOSH

AGH!





DAMN!



WONG!

BATS!--
GAH!--
GET THE
OTHERS!
GET--



LOOK...
INTO...MY
EYES, OLD
FRIEND...

NO!
PLEASE...



AH, @#%\$,
STEPHEN,
COME ON,
MAN...

JUST 'CAUSE
YOU AIN'T GOT
NO SOUL DON'T
MEAN YOU GOTTA
BE A...

WAIT...



LOOK
AT ME!!!



GAZE
INTO THE
STARE OF
THE--









RMMMMBBLL

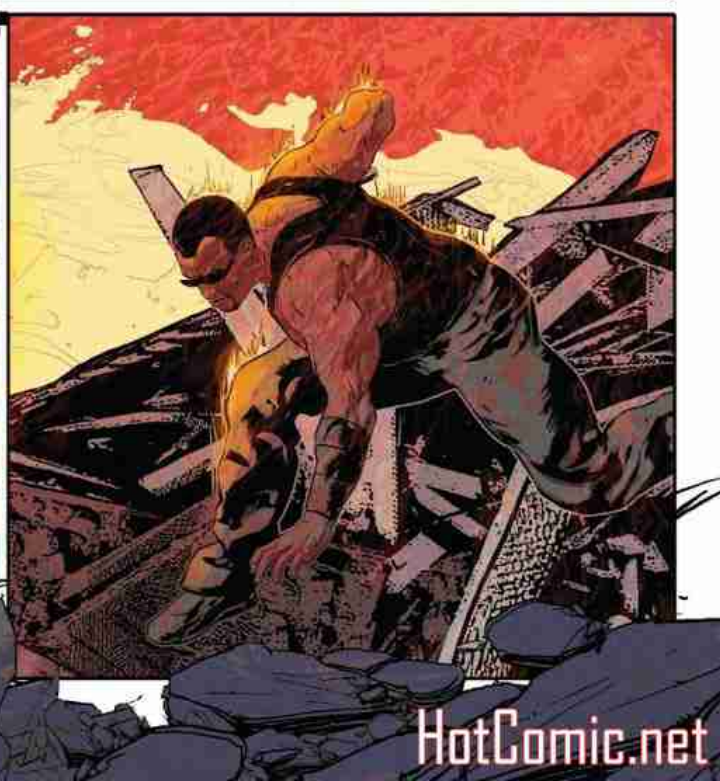


AHHH!



RAGGGH!!!

CHK





WELL,



I
KNOW YOU
ARE WOUNDED,
BLADE. BUT I'M
AFRAID THIS IS
FAR FROM
OVER...



I'M ASSUMING THAT
STEPHEN STRANGE
DEMON THING YOU
GOT THERE IS ON
OUR SIDE?

OKAY,
SOUNDS
COOL.

FOR THE
TIME BEING, YES.
STEPHEN'S GHOST DOG,
BATS, HAS POSSESSED
HIS BODY. HE WILL
HOLD IT FOR AS
LONG AS--



LET'S
FINISH
THIS DAMN
THING.

AND SO
IT BEGINS.

THE WAR OF
DAMNATION.

THE FINAL
BATTLE FOR
THE SOULS OF
THIS WORLD.

I THOUGHT I
HAD PREPARED
FOR THE
MOMENT.

I THOUGHT
WE MAY
HAVE BEEN
ENOUGH, OUR
LITTLE BAND OF
THE DEMONIC
AND THE DEAD.

I FEAR I WAS
WRONG, I'M AFRAID
QUITE A LOT,
ACTUALLY...

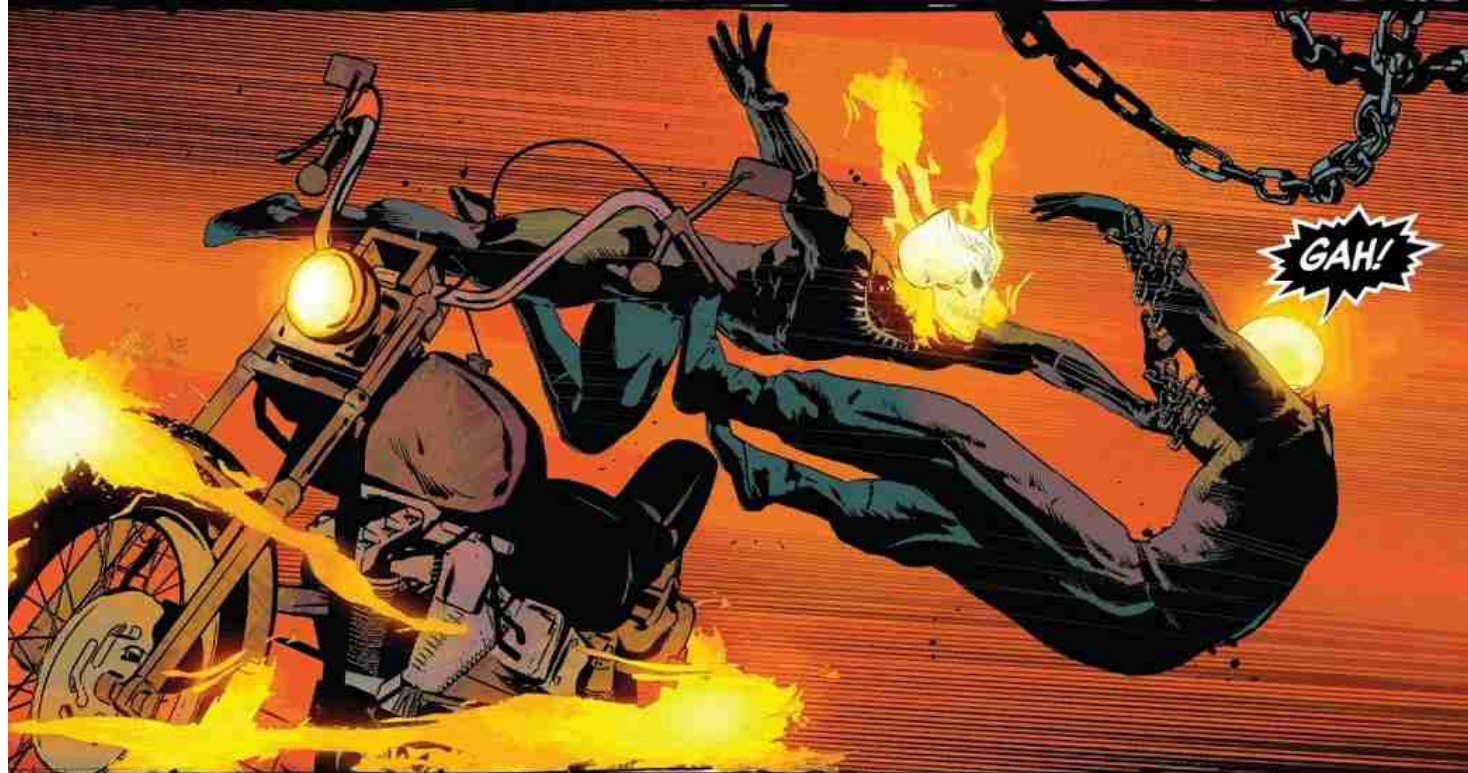
I AM NOT A
LEADER LIKE
STEPHEN.

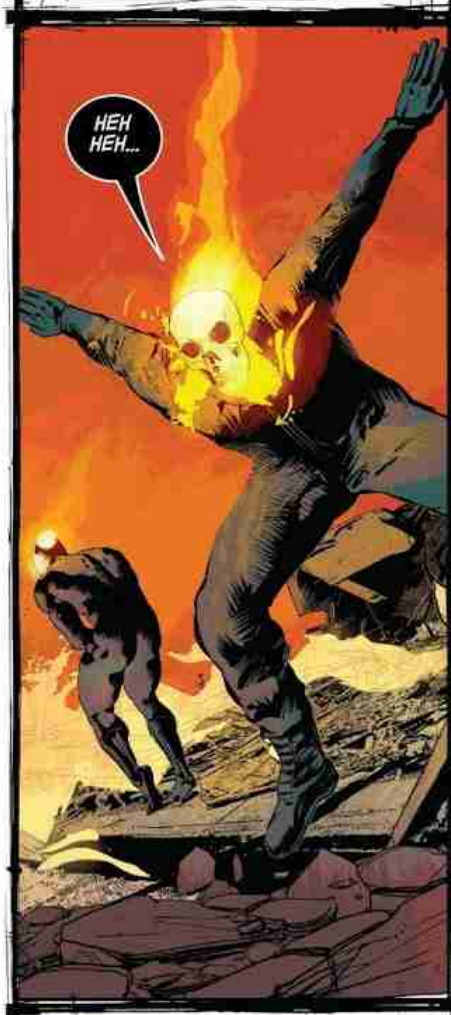
NOT A FIGHTER LIKE
THESE MEN AND WOMEN I
HAVE LED TO THEIR DOOM.

BUT I DO
HAVE HOPE.

HOPE. AND ONE
VERY PISSED OFF
VENGEANCE
DEMON...







WHAT I HAVE ASKED
JOHNNY TO DO IN
ORDER FOR US TO WIN...

I MAY NEVER
FORGIVE MYSELF.

ROOOOAR

TO ASK HIM
TO FACE THE
DEVIL ALONE.

ON HIS OWN TURF. IN
HIS OWN DOMAIN. IN
HIS SEAT OF POWER.

IT'S A HELL OF A STUNT.

ROOAR

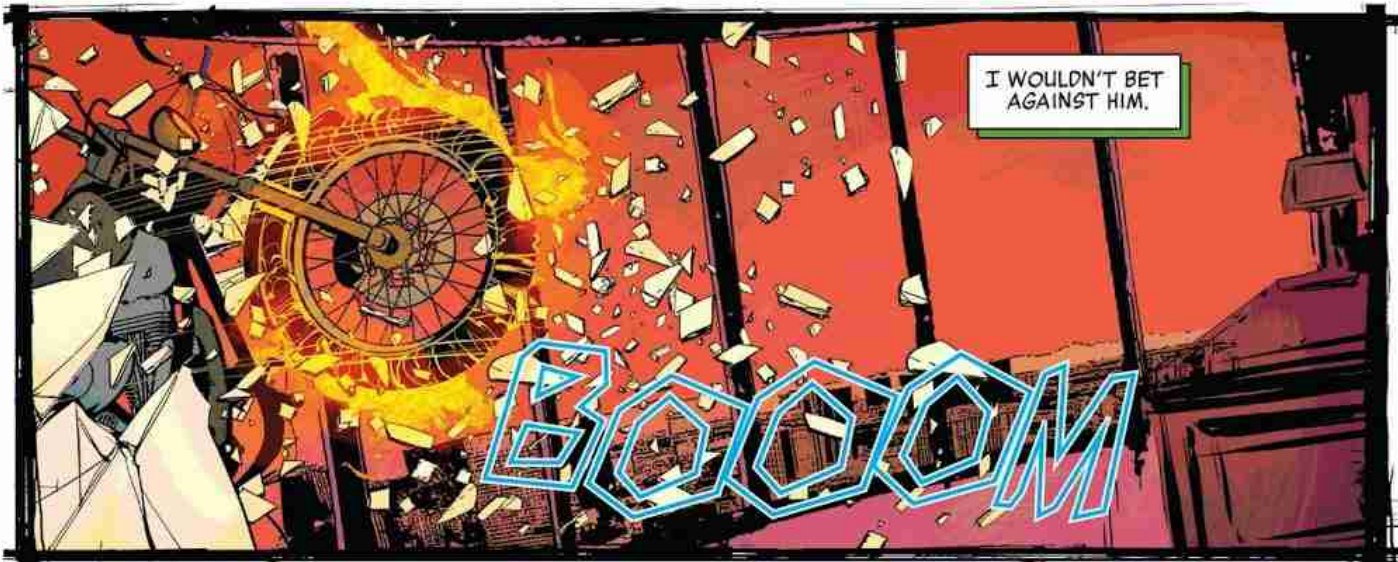
ROOOOAR

IT'S MORE
THAN THAT,
THOUGH. IT'S
INSANE.

WHAT I'VE
ASKED JOHNNY
TO DO IN ORDER
FOR US TO
DEFEAT THIS
EVIL...IT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE...

BUT THEN
AGAIN...IT
IS JOHNNY
BLAZE...

ROOOOAR



I WOULDN'T BET AGAINST HIM.

BOOOOM



WELL...



THAT WAS A NEAT LITTLE TRICK.

DID YOU HAVE FUN, JOHNNY?

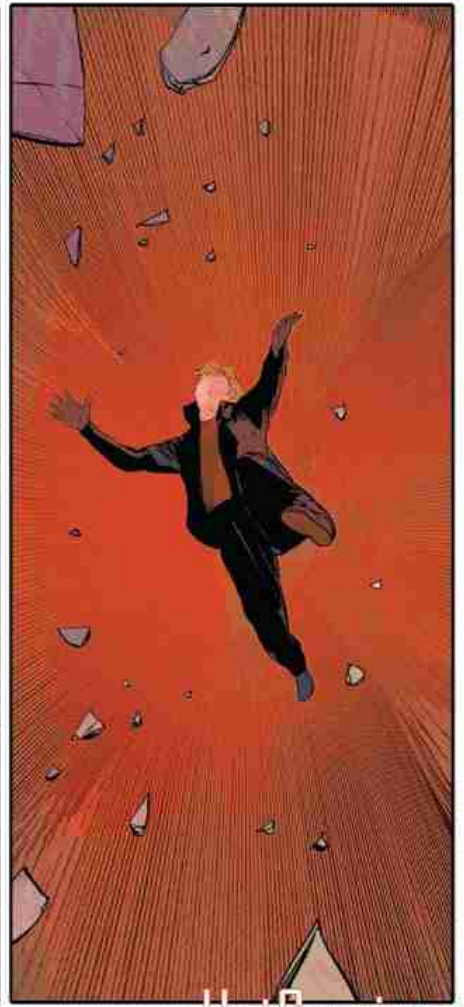
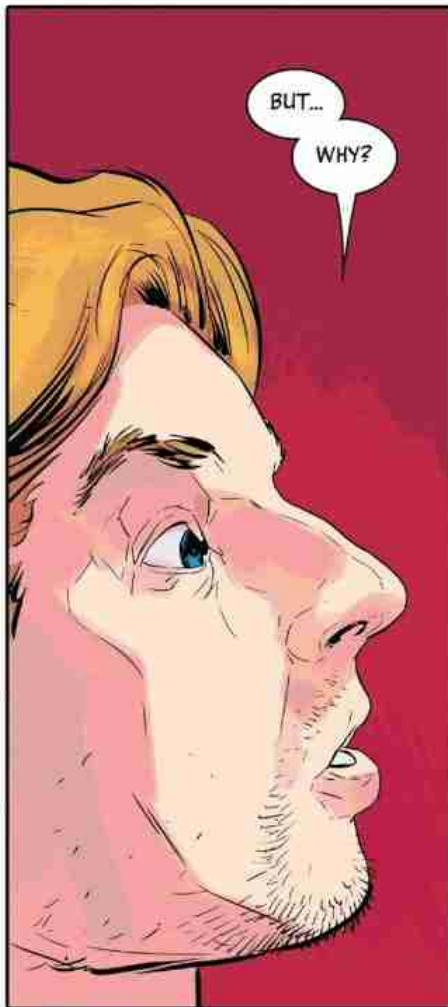
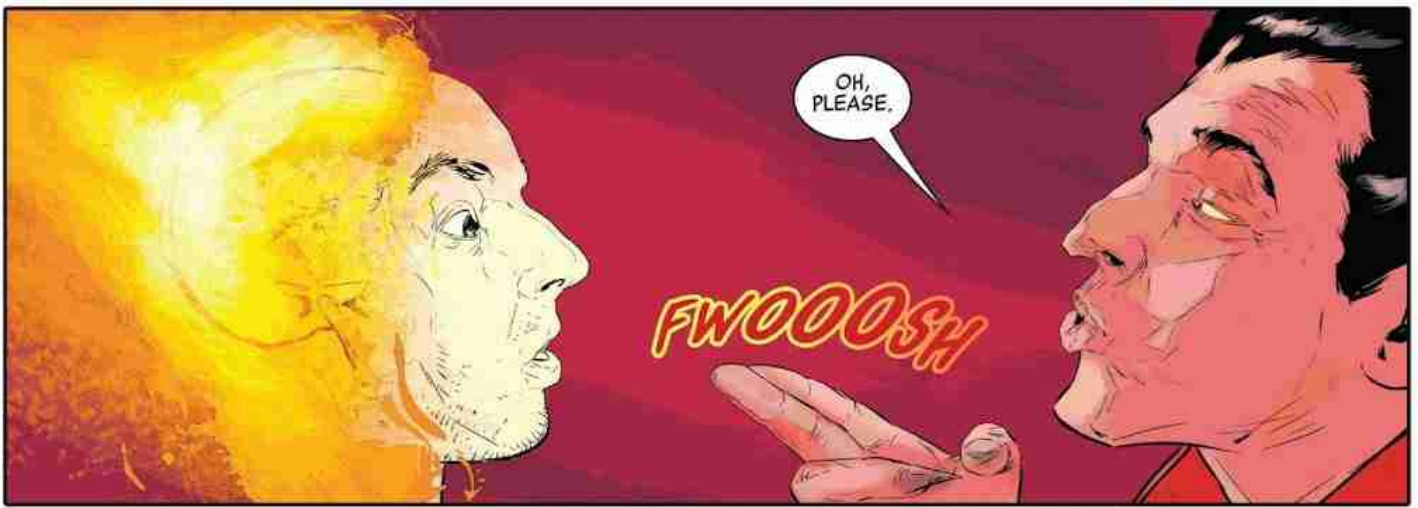


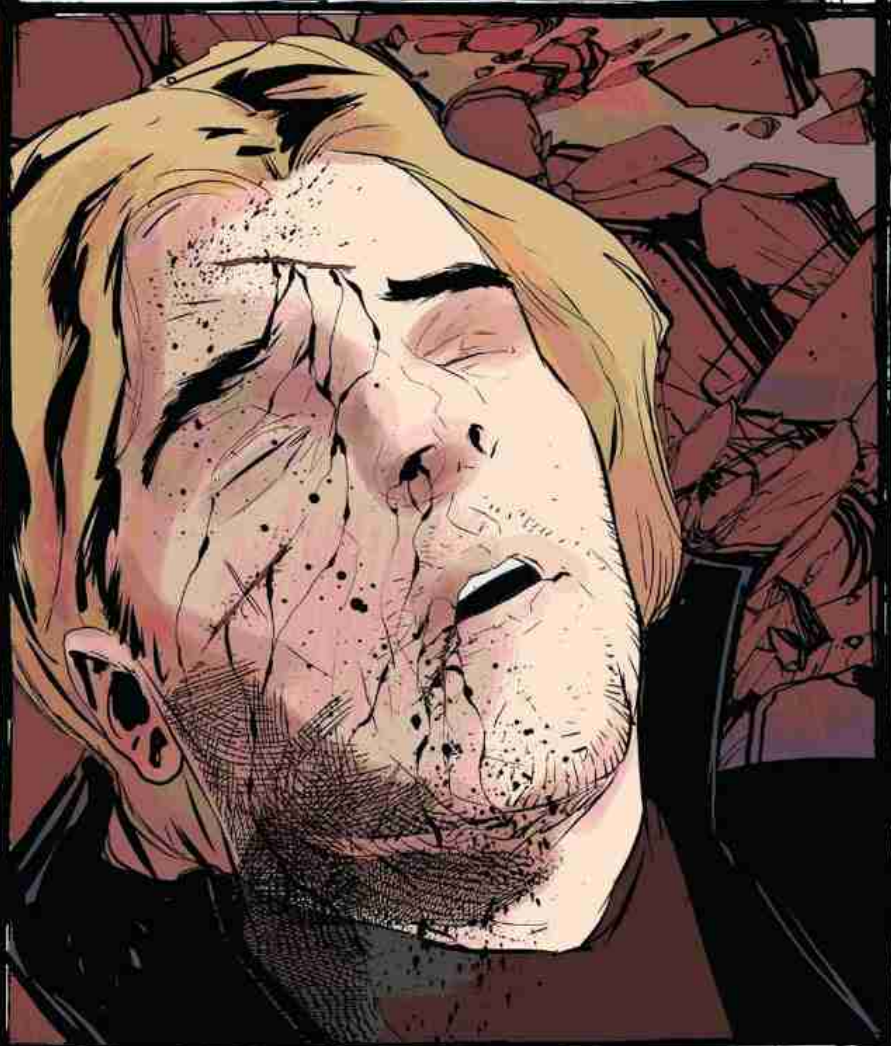
THIS...THIS CAN'T BE IT, THOUGH, RIGHT? THIS CAN'T BE THE GRAND TOTAL OF WONG'S LITTLE PLAN, CAN IT?



THIS HAS BEEN A LONG DAMN TIME COMIN', HUH?

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE END THIS? JUST YOU AND--





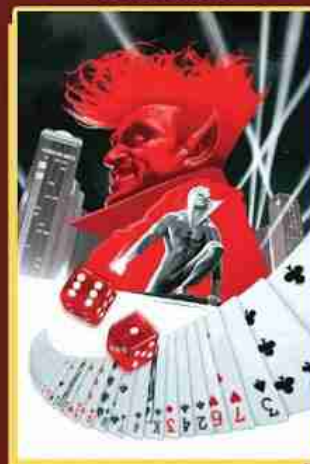
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**FOLLOW THE ROAD TO DAMNATION NOW THROUGH APRIL IN THE PAGES OF
DOCTOR STRANGE; BEN REILLY: SCARLET SPIDER; IRON FIST;
& DAMNATION: JOHNNY BLAZE GHOST RIDER**

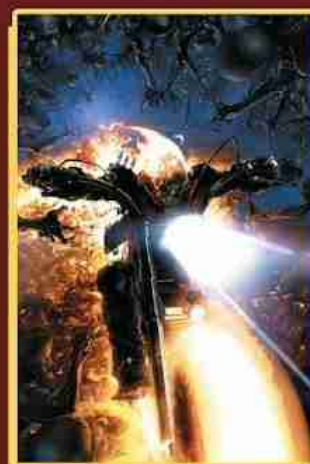
DOCTOR STRANGE: DAMNATION



**IRON FIST 78
ON SALE NOW**



**DAMNATION: JOHNNY BLAZE
GHOST RIDER 1**

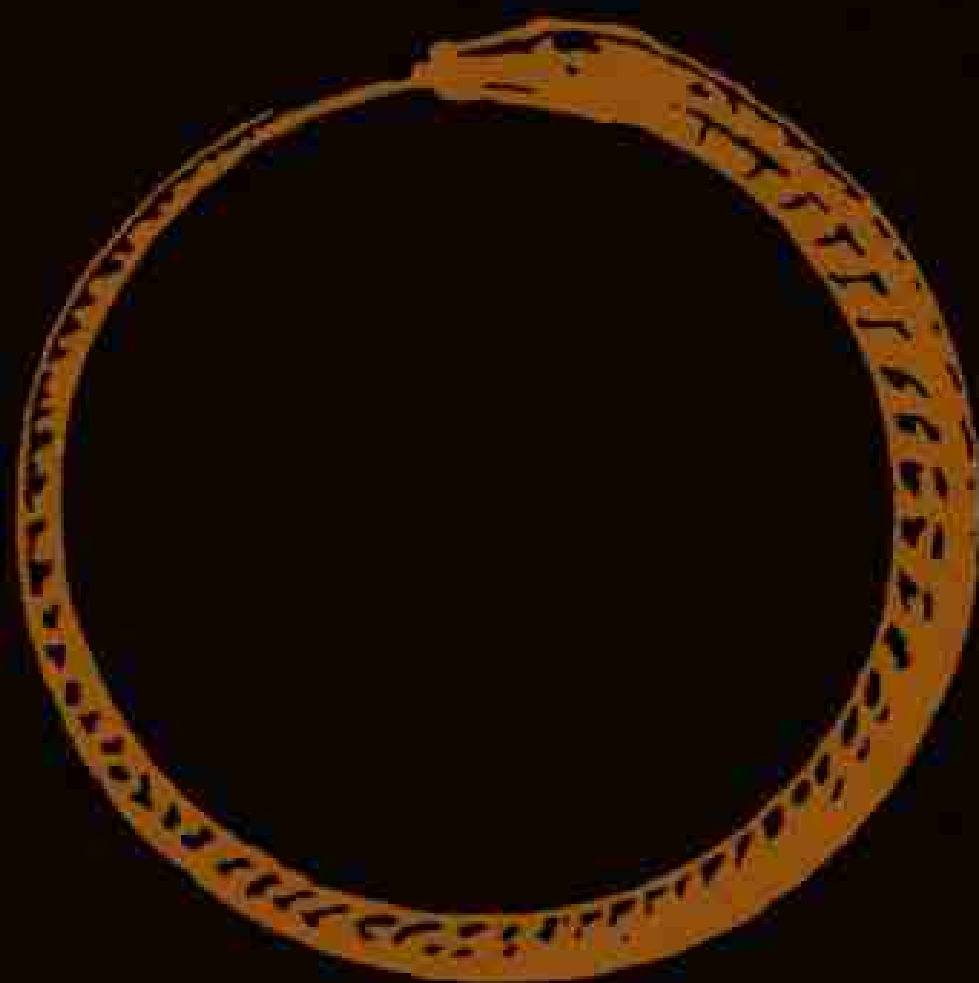


BEN REILLY: SCARLET SPIDER 16



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